

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, February 1, 1999, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Acting Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Chairman Fisher was absent, but left his votes with the Acting Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(44) In the matter of CLARK FORK TELECOMMUNICATIONS – Docket N99.1.8; On January 19, 1999, Clark Fork Telecommunications filed a revised tariff page to change the calculation for prorating bills. Current tariffs assume a 30-day month. The revised tariff assumes each month has 31 days for the purpose of prorating opening and closing bills, resulting in a lower per day charge for customers. Additionally, the Montana Telephone Assistance Program credit will be prorated on the basis of a 31-day month from the date of application. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the revised tariff page. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher voted aye.

Additional Item:

(45) In the matter of Montana Power Company's Rate Reduction – Docket No. D98.10.217; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the reduction. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher did not vote on this item due to his absence.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(46) In the matter of T-98.62.RI; The Montana Consumer Counsel has filed a petition for late general intervention in Docket T-98.62.RI, Montana Tariff Bureau as Agent for Two Shews, Inc. dba Billings Yellow Cab, Billings, Montana and Foosco, Inc. dba City Cab, Billings, Montana for increased passenger rates of between 6% and 13% applying on the transportation of passengers between all points and places in and around Billings, Montana.

There is another protestant in this docket and the rate increase has been suspended.

Commissioner Rowe moved to the request for late general intervention. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher voted aye.

(47) In the matter of T98.69.ST; On December 31, 1998 Chinook Area Landfill, Inc., Chinook, Montana filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public

Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 1341, to Chinook Disposal, Inc., Chinook, Montana.

Class C - Property within the City of Chinook, Montana and to or from points immediately tributary thereto, but not exceeding a distance of ten (10) miles in any direction from said city. Limitations: Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

Class D - Ashes, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage within the City of Chinook, Montana and to or from points immediately tributary thereto, but not exceeding a distance of ten (10) miles in any direction from said city. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

No protests were received.

Commissioner Feland moved to the transfer. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, February 2, 1999 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent, but left votes with the Commissioners.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(48) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Kern v USWC Complaint; Commissioner Rowe moved to open a docket and issue a Notice of Commission Action. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Dave Burchett

(49) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Treeline Springs Water – Initial filing – Docket No. D98.12.289; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the initial rates on an interim basis. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(50) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Johnson v MPC - Complaint - Docket No. D98.6.118; Commissioner McCaffree moved to close the docket. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Joel Tierney, Dave Burchett

(51) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Energy West – Gas License Updating – Docket No. N98.7.157; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve expanding the Energy West Gas License to include residential, provided any adjustments necessary to conform to subsequent rules are made. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist

(52) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's – USBC Draft Order on allocation issue – Docket No. D97.7.90; Commissioner McCaffree moved to issue the draft order. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

(53) In the matter of Glacier Energy - Electricity Supplier License Application – Docket No. N99.1.7; Commissioner Feland moved to approve, with the understanding that they would conform to the rules (ARM) when the rules are finalized. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCaffree, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, February 2, 1999, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney, Martin Jacobson

(54) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC's Petition for Emergency Anti-Slamming Rulemaking – Docket No. L99.1.1-RUL; Commissioner Rowe moved to initiate rulemaking and adoption of permanent anti-slamming rules based on FCC rules, plus staff recommendations. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the Petition on Emergency Rulemaking, including staff recommendation. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, Feland, Rowe and McCaffree voted aye. Commissioner Anderson dissented.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, February 8, 1999, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(55) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N99.1.9; On January 22, 1999, US West filed Tariff Transmittal 99-04, Price List pages which introduce a CustomChoice promotion to run from February 15, 1999 through March 26, 1999. During the period, customers who order CustomChoice will be sent a coupon. If the customer fills out the coupon and returns it, along with a copy of their bill showing CustomChoice on it, they will be sent a check for \$20.00. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(56) In the matter of RONAN TELEPHONE CO. – Docket N99.1.13; On January 25, 1999, Ronan Telephone Co. filed proposed tariff revisions to: update its Low Income Telephone Assistance program; to delete obsolete references to mileage charges; to revise its pay telephone tariff to delete the coin rate, which is no longer regulated, and to remove rates for toll, which the company does not provide; and to revise its access service tariff. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff filings. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(57) In the matter of Cherry Communications Incorporated, WAXS, Inc. Maxxis Group, Inc. Maxxis Communications, Inc. -- Docket N99.1.15; On January 26, Cherry Communications Incorporated, WAXS, Inc. Maxxis Group, Inc. and Maxxis Communications, Inc filed a joint application for approval of Acquisition of Assets and for Assignment of Authorization to provide intrastate long distance services in Montana. Assets of CCI and WAXS will be purchased by Maxxis Group, Inc. Maxxis' Group, Inc. will transfer of certain assets to Maxxis Communications, Inc. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the Joint Application. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(58) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N99.1.10; On January 22, 1999, US West filed tariff pages to remove SingleNumber Service (SNS) from their tariff. SNS provides a single telephone number to business customers with multiple business locations. Calls are routed to a specific business location based on the calling party's zip code. There are no customers subscribing to this service. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff filing with a Grandfather provision for the "1" customer. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(59) In the matter of T-98.57.AR; Clinton Erickson & Greg Eppe, a Partnership, dba P.A.C. SERVICES, Conrad, Montana, Montana PSC NO. 9283 have failed to submit a 1997 annual report filing. An Order To Show Cause was issued on November 9, 1998, with carrier receipt on November 12, 1998. The carrier was contacted by phone on January 19, 1999. Staff recommends cancellation of Montana PSC No. 9283.

Class D- Solid waste, garbage, refuse and debris between all points and places in Pondera and Glacier Counties, Montana. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to licensed landfills from the territory authorized. Limitations: (1) Transportation of hazardous materials, animal carcasses, chemical waste, oil and petroleum waste, automobile bodies and automobile interiors is prohibited. (2) Service within the cities of Conrad and Cut Bank, Montana is prohibited. (3) Service within a 60 mile radius of Great Falls, Montana is prohibited. (4) Service within a 30 mile radius of Choteau, Montana is prohibited.

Commissioner Feland moved to cancel PSC No. 9283. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(60) In the matter of T-98.31.PCN; On September 30, 1998 Flathead Fun Rentals & Tours, Inc., Polson, Montana applied for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity allowing for the transportation of Passengers, Class B, between all points and places in Flathead, Lake, Missoula and Sanders Counties, Montana. Applicant requests that the application be withdrawn and the docket closed.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the request to withdraw the application and close the docket. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(61) In the matter of T-98.67. PCN; On November 9, 1998 Missoula Community Health Services, inc. dba Mineral Community Hospital, Superior, Montana filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Parties have stipulated to the following grant of authority:

Class B - Passengers between all points and places in Mineral and Missoula Counties, Montana.
LIMITATION: Transportation of passengers in limousine service is prohibited.

Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the stipulated authority. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(62) In the matter of TN1972; Intermountain Transportation Company, Anaconda, Montana requests cancellation of PSC No. 31 (scheduled passenger and charter authority) effective immediately.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to cancel PSC No. 31 effective immediately. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday February 9, 1999 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Dave Burchett

(63) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Mountain Water – Cross Connection Program – Docket No. N99.2.19; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Wendy Fuller

(64) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC – Introduction to Centrex Prime filing – Docket No. N98.12.284; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the filing but require USWC to file each contract with the PSC for review and approval. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Jay Driscoll

(65) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC – Implement IntraLATA Dialing Parity – Docket No. D98.4.86; Commissioner Feland moved to approve the interim rates and deny the Opportunity for Late Intervention by AT&T and Sprint. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree and Feland voted aye. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe dissented.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist

(66) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Universal Systems Benefits Charge for Montana Dakota Utilities; Commissioner McCaffree moved to direct staff to write an order directing MDU to institute the USBC and to file a plan as to how the charge will be implemented. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Kate Whitney

(67) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC Petition for Emergency Anti-Slamming Rulemaking Act on Emergency rulemaking draft and consider Motions for Reconsideration – Docket No. L99.1.1-RUL; Commissioner McCaffree moved to deny MCI's,

Sprint's and AT&T's request for Motion for Reconsideration. Substitute motion – Commissioner Rowe moved to adopt 308-1 Sub 4 (Interexchange Carriers). Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, no vote was taken.

Commissioner Rowe moved to deny in part and grant in part the Motion for Reconsideration. Motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to deny the Motions for Reconsideration by Sprint AT&T and MCI and to delay the effective date by 30 days. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree, Rowe and Feland voted aye. Commissioner Anderson dissented.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to adopt the emergency rules with a 30 day implementation of the emergency rules. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree, Rowe and Feland voted aye. Commissioner Anderson dissented.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, February 11, 1999 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Bonnie Lorang

(68) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC – Flexile Pricing – Sidney and Fairview, Montana – Docket No. N98.10.241; Commissioner Feland moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioners Fisher, Anderson and Feland voted aye. Commissioners McCaffree and Rowe dissented. There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, February 16, 1999, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was attending the NARUC Winter Meetings in Washington, D.C., but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(69) In the matter of MONTANA POWER COMPANY DOCKET NO. D99.1.16; On January 28, 1998, MPC filed for authority to issue and sell up to \$150,000,000 principal amount of new unsecured long-term debt in the form of medium term notes (MTNs) through and including December 31, 2000. In Docket No. D96.11.189, Order No. 5957, the Commission authorized MPC to sell \$150,000,000 of unsecured MTNs before December 31, 1998. MPC has issued about \$115,000,000 of those notes. The Company wishes to extend the authorization for those notes through December 31, 2000. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the default order. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(70) In the matter of TN1973; Edward DesRosier dba Sun Tours, East Glacier Park, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 9220 for the period February 16, 1999 to May 8, 1999.

Class B - Persons originating and terminating in Glacier County on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation to points in Glacier National Park, Flathead County, and the Blackfeet Indian Reservation.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to suspend PSC No. 9220 for the period February 16, 1999 to May 8, 1999. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(71) In the matter of TN1974; Gertrude L. Herman dba Taxi, Roundup, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 9398 for a six month period, February 16, 1999 to August 16, 1999.

Class B -Passengers within the City of Roundup, Montana and a fifty (50) miles radius thereof. Limitations: 1) Transportation within Yellowstone County is prohibited, 2) Transportation is restricted to service in vehicles with seating capacity of five (5) people or less.

Commissioner Feland moved to suspend PSC No. 9398 for a period of six months. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(72) In the matter of TN1975; Minnie Boothman and Robert E. Lee dba Libby Cab, Libby, Montana request permission to suspend PSC No. 8637 for a final six month period February 9, 1999 to August 9,

1999.

Class B - Passengers, baggage and express between all points and places within Lincoln County. Limitations: Transportation of Burlington Northern Railroad crews is prohibited.

Commissioner Feland moved to suspend PSC No. 8637 for a final six month period. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, February 17, 1999 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent but left his votes with the Commission Secretary. Commissioner Anderson was at the Legislature. Anderson was able to leave some of his votes with the Commission Secretary but not on all issues (as indicated below).

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(73) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of One Eighty Communications – CLEC tariff – Docket No. D98.10.252; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff but be subject to changes following the adoption of the rules. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe left his proxy to Commissioner McCaffree who voted him aye.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel

(74) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC – Complaint by 9 (Nine) Independent Local Exchange Carriers – Docket No. D99.2.26; Commissioner McCaffree moved to issue a Notice of Complaint. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(75) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of AT&T / USWC – Arbitration – Amendment 1 to Arbitration Agreement – Docket No. D96.11.200; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the amendments to the arbitration agreement. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Karen Hammel, Kate Whitney

(76) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of ACC National Long Distance Corporation – Tariff Filing – Docket No. N99.2.27; Commissioner Feland moved to reject the tariff filing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted to reject the filing.

APPEARANCE
Kate Whitney

(77) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of FirsFel, Inc. – Waiver Request – Docket No. D99.1.18; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the request for waiver, subject to adoption of the rules. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Dan Elliott, Robin McHugh

(78) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of staff travel; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve out-of-state travel for (2) two staff person to attend the NARUC Committee on Accounts in New Orleans, Louisiana, March 20-25; and to approve out-of-state travel for Denise Peterson to attend the EEI Conference in Seattle, Washington, March 14-18, 1999. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, February 17, 1999 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Wendy Fuller

(79) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Great Falls Gas Company's application for Approval of a Plan To Offer Open Access and Customer Choice for Natural Gas Supply (Restructuring) – Docket No. D98.3.68; Commissioner Anderson moved to grant the GF Gas request for an order extending the time for implementation of tariffs as ordered in Order No. 6064b. Extension date is on or near March 1, 1999. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe left Commissioner Anderson his proxy. Commissioner Anderson cast Rowe's vote as aye.

(80) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Great Falls Gas Company's Motion for Reconsideration and Request for Clarification by Montana Power Trading and Marketing – Docket No. D98.3.68; Commissioner Anderson moved to deny the Motion for Reconsideration and deny the request for Clarification of the Commission's original decision. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe left Commissioner Anderson his proxy. Commissioner Anderson cast Rowe's vote as aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, February 18, 1999 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Wendy Fuller

(81) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Western Wireless – ETC filing – Docket No. D98.8.190; Commissioner McCaffree moved to direct staff to set up a scheduling conference and proceed with the contested case. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe left his proxy to Commissioner Fisher. Commissioner Fisher cast Rowe's vote as aye.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Bonnie Lorang

(82) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Flexible Pricing – Docket No. N98.10.241; Commissioner Anderson moved to direct staff to issue a Notice of Opportunity to Comment to include requests from parties on procedure. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, Feland, Anderson voted aye. Commissioner McCaffree dissented. Commissioner Rowe phoned Bonnie Lorang after the work session and cast his vote as aye.

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Jay Driscoll

(83) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of various intraLATA dialing parity issues for Central Montana Telephone – D98.10.220, Valley Telecommunications, Inc. – D98.10.236, Project Telecommunications, Inc. – D98.10.230 and Nemont Telephone, Inc. – D98.10.239; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the draft order for Central Montana Communications, Inc.. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Feland moved to approve the draft orders in Project Telecommunications, Inc. and Valley Telecommunications, Inc.. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Feland moved to deny the Motion to Dismiss by Northern Telephone, Inc., Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe left his proxy to Commissioner Fisher. Commissioner Fisher cast Rowe's vote as aye.

APPEARANCE
Denise Peterson, Will Rosquist

(84) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Dakota Utility – USBC Program – Docket No. D99.2.29; Commissioner Feland moved to approve the Draft Order No. 6143 – Order Directing Universal System Benefits Tariff Filing as amended. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe left his proxy to Commissioner Feland. Commissioner Feland cast Commissioner Rowe's vote as aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)